

TOWN OF MORRISTOWN

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

JUNE 22, 2011

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Ralph Henderson called the meeting to order at 7PM. Pledge of allegiance. All members present. Council member Harry Justus moved to approve minutes from June 8, 2011. Council member Dave Benefiel 2nd. 3 ayes. 0 nos. Council member Benefiel moved to approve payment of APV's. Council member Justus 2nd. 3 ayes. 0 nos.

II. OLD BUSINESS

- A. The bids submitted for the Lagoon Closure were more than the Council anticipated. The Town does not have to accept a bid tonight and would like to have Adam Downey with Wessler Engineering to come to the next meeting to discuss other options for the Lagoon Closure.
- B. Bunge would like to build additional office space with restroom facilities in an existing building on Morrison St. This property is not within the Town Limits of Morristown therefore Bunge can't hook to town Water and Sewer lines until property is annexed. Bunge will need to file for voluntary annexation. There are some other unresolved issues that need addressed between the Town and Bunge so the Town will try to set up a meeting with Bunge.

III. NEW BUSINESS

- A. No report.

IV. CLERK TREASURER

- A. We need a maintenance agreement for the generator at the new WWTP. MacALLISTER Power Systems quoted a price of \$1131.00 for a one year contract and \$3393.00 for a three year contract. MacALLISTER also provides same service for our other standby generator at WWTP. Council member Benefiel moved to approve a three year contract for generator maintenance at the cost of \$3393.00. Council member Justus 2nd. 3 ayes. 0 nos.
- B. A water customer has requested for water charges to be removed from bill since the meter had been removed. Council member Benefiel moved to remove water charges but sewer charges had to be paid. Council member Justus 2nd. 3 ayes. 0 nos. Town Attorney Messer will draft a letter stating this so there is no confusion.
- C. A resident has been overcharged for water and sewer due to a meter malfunction. State Board of Accounts advises reimbursing with a check instead of credits since the total owed amount is \$1822.98. Council member Benefiel moved to submit a check for reimbursement of overpaid water and sewer services. Council member Justus 2nd. 3 ayes. 0 nos.
- D. Council member Benefiel also wants a policy started to check water meters on a random basis to help keep this problem from arising again.
- E. A bill was submitted from Church, Church, Hill and Atrium for \$191.25 for work performed by Town Attorney Messer with the Planning Commission. Council member Benefiel moved to pay bill. Council member Justus 2nd. 3 ayes. 0 nos.
- F. The copier the Council had previously voted to purchase from The Office Shop is now out of stock and is no longer being manufactured. A similar copier was

presented by The Office Shop for \$5960.00. Council member Benefiel moved to purchase copier. Council member Justus 2nd. 3 ayes. 0 nos.

- G. Cord Brothers, who replaced the roof at Dodd's Hall, found two more layers under the top layer of roof. The total bill for additional work is \$6250 of which \$5000 is covered by the insurance. Council member Benefiel moved to pay the remaining \$1250. Council member Justus 2nd. 3 ayes. 0 nos.

V. LEGAL

- A. The Town will not receive the deed to the Bowling Alley property but instead will receive a Tax Certificate.

VI. POLICE

- A. Alleys need to be cleared from both side and overhead overgrowth, which is the property owner's responsibility. An Ordinance can be passed for unsafe trees. Letters can also be sent to owners making them aware of the liability of overgrowth.
- B. Ammunition is needed for the 40 Caliber guns. One thousand rounds cost \$443.00 and will last a few years. Council member Benefiel moved to purchase ammunition. Council member Justus 2nd. 3 ayes. 0 nos.
- C. Signs have been put up around Town about foreclosed homes for sale. These signs are in violation of Town Sign Ordinance. Owner of signs will be contacted for removal.

VII. WATER/WASTEWATER/STREETS

- A. Mosquitoes need sprayed for again.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Council member Benefiel moved to adjourn. Council member Justus 2nd. 3 ayes. 0 nos.

Ralph Henderson
President

Thomas W. Reber
Clerk Treasurer